

CONSOLIDATION MAY BE TURNED DOWN BY CLUB

Lively Fight Is Expected at Special Meeting Called by Westmoreland Club June 21.

WOULD RETAIN OLD IDENTITY

Members of Commonwealth Club to Vote on Recommendation of Joint Committee for Consolidation on Night of June 23.

Suggested consolidation of the Westmoreland and the Commonwealth Clubs, as recommended by a joint committee, has aroused decided opposition among many of the older members of the former organization, who contend that the club should retain its identity, its present location and keep unimpaired its long and honored prestige.

It is being predicted by those opposed to the merger that the membership will refuse to ratify the recommendation in special meeting called for June 21. At the annual meeting of the club in February a report of a special committee which had been appointed in November reported on plans for the enlargement of the present plant and recommended that the club remain at its present site. This report and recommendation were accepted by the members.

Commonwealth Club Acts. In the meantime the board of governors of the Commonwealth Club also had taken up the matter of enlarging its facilities and a suggestion had come to the Westmoreland Club that before the clubs entered into expensive enlargement plans that the question of consolidation be considered.

A special joint committee was then appointed to make an investigation and this committee, as told in The Times-Dispatch, has recommended consolidation.

The members of the Westmoreland Club will take action on this recommendation June 21, and the members of the Commonwealth Club will hold their meeting to consider the subject on June 23.

While it is said that a majority of the Commonwealth membership will favor the consolidation it is believed a large proportion of the membership of the Westmoreland will oppose the plan.

Secretary R. A. Lancaster, of the Westmoreland Club, said last night that the report and recommendation of the committee is in no sense binding, and that members will be free to act at the proper time. He indicated, however, that judgment should be reserved until after all the facts carried in the report are clearly understood.

Say Question Is Settled. The meeting of the Westmoreland on June 21 will be one of the most interesting ever held by that organization, and many members will contend that the question of remaining at the present site was definitely decided by the action taken at the last annual meeting and that in view of the sound financial condition of the club, the organization should proceed with its individual program of enlargement.

One of the strongest arguments for the present site is that it is central, that the enhancement in value of the property will pay for large improvements and that the club will lose much of its prestige consolidated with another organization.

BOLSHEVIST ARMY WINS IN REGION OF SHARKOVECHINA

Subborn Fighting Is Reported on Both Sides of the Polotsk-Mohilev Railroad.

By Associated Press. LONDON, May 31.—A Russian Bolshevik official communication received here today from Moscow says: "In the direction of Sventitskaya our troops have occupied a series of villages near Germanovichi and Sharkovichi in the direction of Mohilev. On both sides of the Polotsk-Mohilev railroad, stubborn fighting is taking place."

In the direction of Moez the enemy's offensive was frustrated, and he retired to the River Beresina. At Kiev, on the left bank of the river, stubborn fighting continues for possession of the enemy's fortified positions. On the right bank of the Dnieper the enemy has been driven back, and fighting continues in our favor south of Tiraspol."

THREE SHOT IN TRAIN ROW

Passengers Injured in Duel on Seaboard Train at Monroe, La.

By Associated Press. MONROE, La., May 31.—As a result of a pistol battle which took place on a Seaboard Air Line passenger train at the depot here late yesterday between Carl Mefflin and Joe Kendall, traveling salesmen, of this city, Mefflin received three bullet wounds, H. M. Treadway, of Ohio, was shot in the leg and another passenger, whose name was not learned, was injured in the foot. All will recover.

Paper Companies Merged. MONTECLAIR, N. J., May 31.—Merger of the W. C. Edwards Company and the Gilmore & Huchison Company, of Ottawville, by which paper of properties valued at \$40,000,000 are consolidated, was announced here today. The consolidated concern will have a paid up capital of \$10,000,000 and a paper output of about 150,000 tons per year.

JAPANESE SILK EXCHANGE WILL REMAIN SUSPENDED

Financial and Commercial Troubles in Tokyo and Yokohama Unimproved, With Prices Declining.

TOKYO, May 31.—Developments today in the troubled situation in some quarters of the financial and commercial world of Japan included the suspension of two small banks at Yokohama and heavy withdrawal by depositors from other banks in the province which have dealings with the raw-silk interests.

An attempt was made yesterday to reopen the Yokohama Silk Exchange, but with the supply increasing, and with foreign demands virtually at a standstill, prices declined sharply, and business was again suspended.

The raw-silk dealers have decided to reduce production. The Habutaya dealers have asked for governmental aid. The price of cotton yarn continued to fall today.

DECLARES PROFITEERS ABROAD IN PAPER TRADE

Editorial Association Speaker Urges Drastic Action to Remedy Situation.

By Associated Press. BOSTON, May 31.—The newspaper shortage was discussed today by the National Editorial Association, in annual convention here. A resolution was unanimously adopted and forwarded to Chairman Porter, of the House Foreign Relations Committee, at Washington, urging the passage of Senate joint resolution 152, which is designed to afford immediate relief in the emergency, and especially to benefit country newspapers.

John Clyde Stewart, of New York, in his address, said the ubiquitous profiteer is abroad in the print-paper field, just as he is in many other lines of trade, and an acute situation demands drastic action.

My opinion is, he said, "that Congress, by prompt legislative enactment, should restrict the issue of every newspaper in the United States to a maximum, or so many pages per day, and in such an act define a maximum page size. Larger users of print paper, with their own mills or contracts, should hold out of the open market. Congress also should make a substantial appropriation for a determined effort to find a substitute for wood pulp."

RUBBER PLANT REOPENS TO THREATENED CLERKS

Men Who Were Attacked by Rioters in Bristol, R. I., Will Return to Work.

By Associated Press. BRISTOL, R. I., May 31.—Officials of the National India Rubber Company announced tonight that they would reopen the plant tomorrow to the clerical force, members of which were assaulted on Friday last in a riotous demonstration, in which three persons were shot and several others injured. The office workers will return after the protection of 500 members of the reorganized Rhode Island National Guard, who are here under command of Adjutant-General Abbott. No action was taken today toward a resumption of operations in the factory.

FIVE KILLED IN CRASH

Party of Automobiles Dead as Result of Collision With Interurban Car.

By Associated Press. AKRON, Ohio, May 31.—Five persons were killed early today when a Canton interurban car crashed into an automobile at Hoover, east of Akron. The dead are Eva Hooper, aged 21, Albert Rafferty, Lucinda Barnes and two unidentified persons. The dead and injured were all occupants of the automobile.

PARIS OVERFLOWING

French Capital Crowded With American Tourists, Despite Early Season.

By Universal Service. PARIS, May 31.—Summer has scarcely begun, and yet Paris is overflowed with American tourists. There is not an empty room in any hotel, and the largest have their rooms reserved till August.

No Action Taken on Plant. Several plans were discussed, but no definite action taken, at a meeting of the business enterprise committee of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce yesterday in regard to opening of the boiler plant just below South Richmond river. It is expected that some definite plan will be evolved from matters discussed yesterday and steps taken within a short while toward disposal of the plant. Tomorrow representatives of the government will consult with the committee in connection with disposition of the plant and facilities at the Seven Pines Bag-Loading Plant.

One Killed in Auto Crash. BALTIMORE, N. C., May 31.—Lucy Hinkley, aged 17, was instantly killed and Mrs. E. O. Dudley sustained injuries from which she died an hour later here yesterday afternoon, when a speeding automobile crashed into the side car of a motorcycle, in which they were riding. E. O. Dudley, husband of the dead woman, who was driving the motorcycle, escaped uninjured. Melvin Branch, driver of the automobile was cited to appear in court to answer for the accident.

Well-Known Piano Man Dead. MEMPHIS, TENN., May 31.—O. R. Houch, aged 58, prominent in business and Masonic circles of this section for a number of years and head of piano and music stores in Memphis and at Nashville, Tenn., and Little Rock, Ark., died yesterday in the residence here of his brother, Jesse Houch. The funeral will be held tomorrow. Mr. Houch never married.

ALLEGED MURDERERS ARE RELEASED ON BAIL

Men Are Arrested Following Examination Into Death of Longbeam.

WINCHESTER, May 31.—Thomas Pearson and John R. Shepherd Jr., arrested several days ago in Clarke County on bench warrants, following grand jury indictments charging them with murder in connection with the sudden and mysterious death of Charles R. Longbeam, of that county, have been released on bail, the former being \$5,000, and the latter's \$2,000, with John T. Lindsay as surety for each. The men were recognized to appear at a special term of the Circuit Court at Berryville July 26. Longbeam was reported to have died suddenly of heart disease along a river road while hauling a wagon-load of corn, being accompanied on the trip by

Shepherd. Immediately after his funeral members of the Longbeam family were told by Shepherd that Longbeam and Pearson had had a dispute at a point where Pearson was planting corn and beans in his garden along the road. The suspicious of the family were excited, and an investigation followed. The body was exhumed, and an autopsy showed Longbeam's liver had been spilt open. Both of the indicted men have protested their innocence.

Credit Men Leave. LYNNHURG, May 31.—The local delegation of credit men to attend the national association's convention in Atlantic City is leaving today, the delegation including R. G. Wood, John H. Davis, M. J. Allen, L. P. Mann, T. A. Jennings, W. Ward Hill and Frank Williams. The local branch of the national association is said to have had the largest growth in percentage of increase of members in the country during the past year.

Farmer Dies Suddenly. BRISTOL, May 31.—J. L. Neal, a prominent farmer of North Holston, Va., was found dead in the woods near his home, according to advice

received here from Saltville. His body was found by a neighbor who was passing through the woods. Death is thought to have been due to heart failure.

V. M. C. A. Buys Property. LYNNHURG, May 31.—The V. M. C. A. here has bought from E. L. Bell for \$15,500 property adjoining the association building to be used for the enlargement of the association's plant.

Drink Starts Row Aboard Ship. BALTIMORE, MD., May 31.—In response to radio calls yesterday Baltimore police met the British steamship Tregante on her arrival here today and placed under arrest four of the crew who had engaged in a fight among themselves as the steamer was passing in the Virginia capes. Three of the men were taken to the hospital to be treated for cuts and bruises.

According to the police, Captain Stollen, of the Tregante, said members of the crew had taken some liquor and gotten drunk, a fight following.

Big Theatrical Producer Starts Home in Steerage. NEW YORK, May 31.—Morris Gest, theatrical producer, arrived in New York today on the Holland-American Line steamship Rotterdam, a guest of Captain Jan Baron, whose cabin he occupied. When Mr. Gest left Europe he sailed for home as a steerage passenger, being unable to get a first or second-class passage on any ship in time to reach New York by June 1 to sign papers in any important projected theatrical deal.

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her parliamentary duties is close to Lloyd George, told him that the House of Commons is soon to send a mission to Russia. She promised him that his father and mother would be reached through this body and sent to America at Lady Astor's expense.

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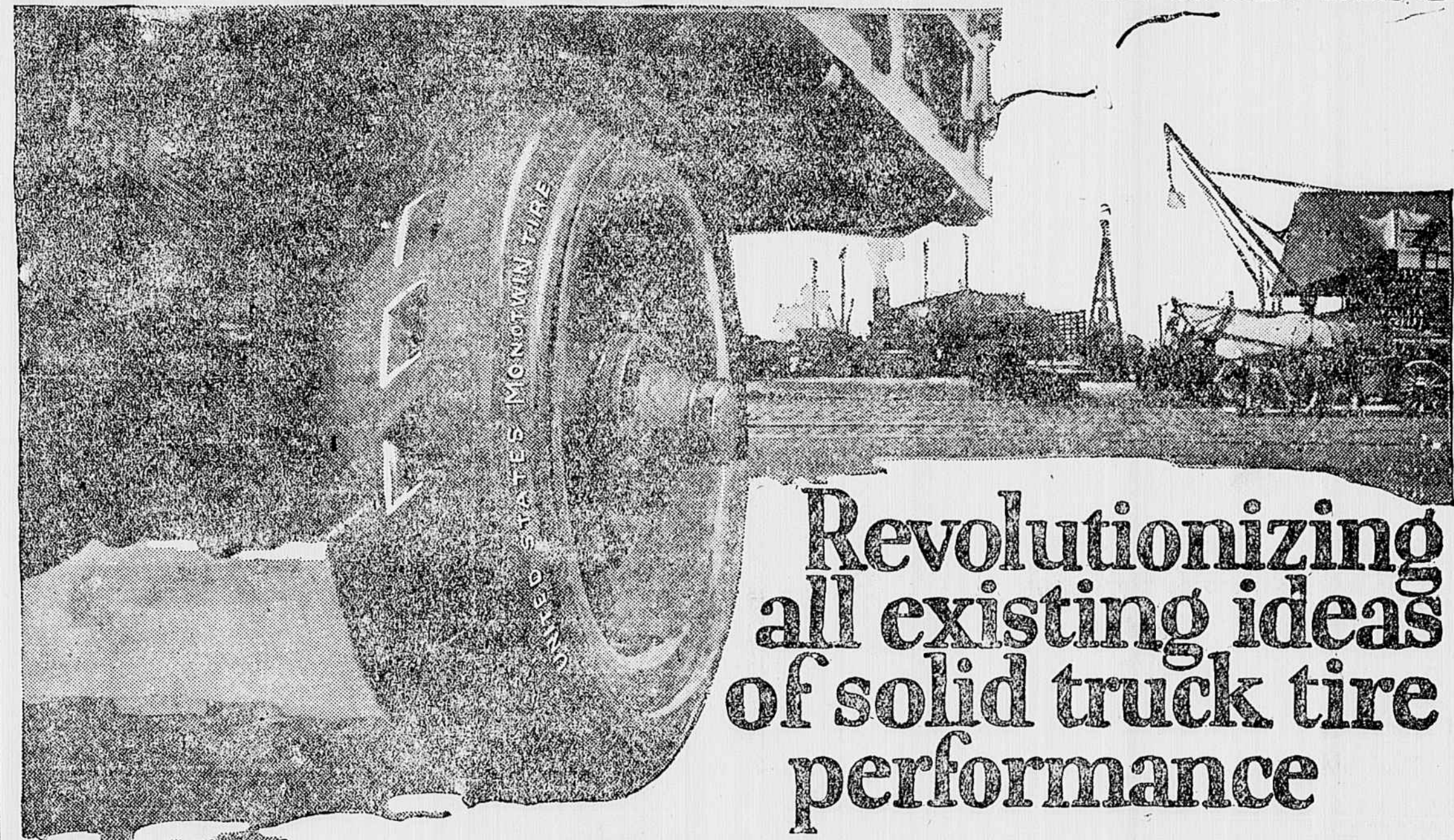
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